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BIOMOLECULES

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed January 6, 2009 in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the application is being submitted together with this response. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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INDEP.	1	MINUS	3	** =	0 X	(\$110 SE or \$220)	\$0
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.